

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph no. 3 beginning at the bottom of page 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Table 2 shows the results of the investigation of the change in surface free energy fusion defect rate based on the number of pressing cycles for the glass material employed in molding made of glass A comprised of borate optical glass. From these results it will be understood that at a surface free energy equal to or greater than 60 mJ/m^2 in the glass material employed in molding, the occurrence of fusion ~~increased~~ decreased remarkably. The same investigation was conducted for the case where a carbon film was formed on the surface of the glass material employed in molding. The results are given in Table 3. In that case, as well, the formation of a surface layer on a glass material employed in molding with a surface free energy equal to or greater than 60 mJ/m^2 was found to result in remarkable reduction of the occurrence of fusion.